



**PATENT**  
Atty. Docket No.: 2852 PRO (203-3408)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Scott Cunningham

Examiner: Gary Jackson

Serial No.: 10/621,759

Group Art Unit 3763

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For: SURGICAL NEEDLE

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [X] No additional fee is required.

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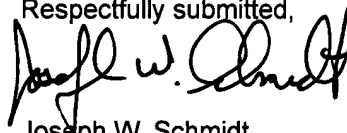
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**RESPONSE**

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In response to the Office Action mailed June 8, 2005, please consider the following:

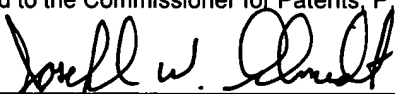
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